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IN THE

OLD BAILY,

OR

A full and true Accounpt of the Tryals and proceedings this laſt Seſſions, holden at the *Old-Bayly*; begun on Wedneſday the 13th. of this inſtant *April*: and ending on the 17th. day.

With the true number of perſons that are Condemned, burnt in the Hand, and to be Tranſported.

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An Account of the Tryals and Proceedings this laſt Seſſions holden at the Old Bayly, begun upon the 14. day inſtant, 1675.

AT this Seſſions were Tried a great number of Maleſactors, whoſe crimes as they were various and of ſeveral Natures, ſo ſome of them were ſo inconſiderable, as not worthy the remarquing; yet we ſhall briefly give you an account of ſome of the leſs conſiderable amongſt them, and a more full Narrative of others of a more reſpective notice.

Three men were this Seſſions Indicted for the Felonious taking away of three ounces of Silver from a Refiner, ſome of them it ſeem'd uſed to work at the Refiners houſe, and therefore were the more ſtrangely ſuſpected to be guilty, and the Silver being offered to be ſold, and ſtaid upon ſuſpition, one of the peices was affirmed upon evidence to belong to the Gentleman that loſt them, and ſome other circumſtances to clear the Fact, but on the Priſoners part it was alleadged, that one of them had found the ſaid *Silver* wrapped up in a bag near *White-Fryers* in *Fleet-ſtreet*, the whole matter being left to the Jury, they were acquitted.

An account was given you the laſt Seſſions before this of the Tryal of a Maid Servant to a Linnen Draper, who

was accuſed by a young Lad (an Apprentice in the ſame houſe) for inſtigating him to Burn the wares in his Maſters houſe with Fire-balls, and to take mony out of the box, which the boy then confeſſed in his evidence againſt her, that upon her inſtigation he did it, the Maid was then acquitted, but upon the aforeſaid confeſſion, and ſome other circumſtances ſince diſcovered to evince the Fact, the young Lad was this Seſſions arraigned upon three ſeveral Indictments, the one for taking the mony to the value of three pound out of the box, the other of Treſpaſs, for burning the goods in the houſe, the other of Felony, for ſetting fire to the burning of the houſe; the evidence that came in againſt him was no other (except in one ſingle circumſtance) then what was given in upon the laſt Tryal, and what he confeſſed before the Juſtice upon his Examination. The Maſter affirmed that he did proſecute him to no other end but to get a diſcovery of what perſons were acceſſaries with him, and that ſhould put him upon the Deſign, as ſuppoſing it very unlikely that a young boy about 13 years of Age, ſhould enterprize ſo miſchievous an undertaking of himſelf; The Court laboured very much to make him confeſs who were his complices, but the boy ſtill reſolutely held to his firſt Story, that it was the Maid that ſet him upon it, and no body elſe: It appeared that the damage by the fire was chiefly to the goods, and no great damage done to the houſe, although the fixing of any part of it according as the Indictment was laid, would have been Felony without Clergy (the State upon which the Indictment was grounded, being very ſevere in thoſe caſes, it appeared the boyes Friends were very ſufficient perſons, and had give 70l. with

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with him, and a bond of 500l. for his truth, but besides that, the Master confessed that he had been offered full satisfaction of his damages by the boyes friends, if he would have desisted from Prosecuting, which the Master affirmed still he did only to discover the complotters by that means in the business, upon the whole matter the Jury found him as to the second Indictment for firing the House, not guilty; and as to the taking mony out of the Box, they brought in a special Verdict, grounded tis suppos'd upon a clause in 21. *Hen.* 8. 7. concerning Servants taking their Masters goods not being Apprentices, the like course being taken in a case much of the same nature the day before.

A woman was here also Indicted for the Murthering of her Bastard-child which she had hid in a Box, and was there discovered; it being questioned as the Law requires in such cases, whither she cryed out at the time of her Delivery, she affirmed she did, and that a Woman (one of the witnesses) at that time lay with her, but that she could not wake her; the said woman affirmed that she did not acquaint her, nor did she suspect any thing of her condition, but that the other rose from her, and went into another Room, where it seems she was delivered, and the child afterwards found dead in the aforesaid box: The Jury brought her in guilty.

A Sadler also here was tryed for killing one *Henderson* Brother and follower to the bayly of the Liberty of the *Dutchy* in the *Strand*; this Sadler it seems had several times notice given him of an Action against him in the Court of the Liberty, and an appearance desired to it, which he refusing, the aforesaid *Henderson* and his brother came to his Shop and Arrested him, whereupon the

the Priſoner deſiring to ſtay a little while in his houſe, till he could ſend for Bayle, got them into his Kitching and then getting out the parties Sword that was kill'd, did therewith firſt wound the Bayly, and preſently turning to his follower, with a ſuddain paſs, run him through the body, of which wound, within two or three days after, he died, The Jury found him guilty of Murther.

A Porter was here Arraigned for running away with a Trunk that he was to have carried with one that imploy'd him: He made it ſeems an excuſe to reſt him by the way, but never reſted till he carried it clean away.

A Broker was here Indicted this Seſſions as acceſſary (before the Fact) which one *Ed. Fox*, *Caryl*, and others, who had formerly rob'd the Lord *Mancheſters* Lodgings at *Whitehall*, *Caryl*, one of the principals, having been convicted of the ſaid offence, but afterwards had Licenſe of Tranſportation, came in a witneſs againſt him, that upon the diſcovery of their aforeſaid intended deſign, this Broker by trade did incourage them to it, and that they ſhould take no care for the diſpoſing of their booty, for he would contrive ways for the diſpoſing of them, and did ſo, The Tryal was long, but this was the ſum of the Evidence, upon which he was convicted as acceſſary to the aforeſaid Felony.

A young man was alſo Tryed for the Robbery of one Mr. *Howard* of 90 l. he was taken near St. *James's* upon *Thurſday* night laſt about 10. at night, upon ſuſpition, by a perſon of whom he inquired if he could tell him where he might hire a Horſe to ride out of Town, this

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the party seeing him but an ordinary erpson, and wondering what he should hire a Horse for at that time of Night, and observing withal that he had a Wallet at his back, which he dropt quickly after; upon these suspitions was laid hold on, and carried him and his Wallet before a Justice of Peace, where the Wallet was search'd, and found 90 l. in it, and some Suits of cloath s which he confessed he had of Mr. *Howards* man, at his Tryal it appeared that the said Mr. *Howards* man had left his Masters service for about a Twelve month, and yet the said Master had so much confidence in him, as to trust him with the said 90 l. in his keeping, and that the Prisoner, at the instance of the Landlord of the house where he lodged with him about a month before, and that *Thursday* had got the said mony and cloaths from him, and went away with him, the Prisoner alledged, that the other had told him whose mony it was, and ordered him to carry them away to a place where he should meet him, and there they were to divide the mony between them, but upon information given to the Court, of the Gentlemans confidence of his Servants integrity, this was lookt upon but as an invention to shift the crime from himself to the other, and the credit thereof being left to the Jury, they brought him in guilty of the Felony.

There were besides these a great number of other Falonyes burglaries, and petty Larcenyes, too long to rehearse in this short Narrative.

There were in all twenty condemned to be hanged, 16. men and 4 women one of which women was the before mentioned person for Murthering her Bastard, and of the men, the Sadler that Killed the Bayly; and the broker

Broker beforementioned.

The Sadler carried himself very submissively and Christianly at his condemnation, declaring that he expected not life, and could not plead for it, but in respect he had been so little time in Prison, and that the time he had been there was taken up with visits by his friends, desired of the Court that they would grant some more than usual time before his Execution, to prepare for his Soul, to which the Court declared they would take into consideration, and so proceeded to pass judgment of death upon him.

There were in all 21 Persons burned in the hand, and about 9 more to be Transported.

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